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STATE CYRUS VANCE PRECEDING PLENARY SESSION AT THE
MEXICAN FOREIGN RELATIONS SECRETARIAT, MAY 4, 1978

QUOTE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MY ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE AND
DEAR FRIEND SECRETARY ROEL, DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF
THE MEXICAN DELEGATION:

ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. DELEGATION I WANT TO EXPRESS OUR
APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AND FOR YOUR
WARM HOSPITALITY. WE VALUE ENORMOUSLY THE FRIENDLY
RELATIONS WE ENJOY WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT, AND WE ANTICI-
PATE A HIGHLY FRUITFUL MEETING.

WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE THE
CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM WAS ESTABLISHED NEARLY A YEAR
AGO BY OUR TWO PRESIDENTS. WE PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON
THE MECHANISM, AND WE KNOW IT WILL BE AN INCREASINGLY
IMPORTANT INSTITUTION IN THE FUTURE.

LET ME SAY THAT I AM MOST PLEASED TO COME TO MEXICO TO
REVIEW WITH MY DEAR FRIEND SANTIAGO ROEL AND HIS
COLLEAGUES THE WORK OF THE MECHANISM DURING THE PAST
YEAR. I FULLY AGREE WITH WHAT HE HAS SAID ABOUT
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THE IMPORTANCE OF INTER-DEPENDENCE AND THE PROSPECTS
FOR THE FUTURE.

MANY OF THE PAST YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE SPELLED OUT
IN THE DRAFT JOINT REPORT WHICH WE WILL BE REVIEWING
TODAY BEFORE PRESENTING IT TO PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO
AND TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

THE RECORD IS A GOOD ONE. AND WE CAN BE PROUD OF IT.
WE ALL OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE MANY PERSONS IN
BOTH GOVERNMENTS WHOSE CLOSE COOPERATION HAS MADE THESE
ACHIEVEMENTS POSSIBLE.

COMPLEX PROBLEMS REMAIN, BUT WE WILL BE APPROACHING THEM
IN THE SAME COOPERATIVE SPIRIT AND WITH THE SAME FRANK
GIVE AND TAKE WHICH CHARACTERIZES OUR RELATIONSHIP.

I'M PROUD AND PRIVILEGED TO CO-CHAIR THIS TREMENDOUSLY
IMPORTANT MECHANISM WITH MY ESTEEMED FRIEND SANTIAGO ROEL.

THANK YOU. END QUOTE. VANCE

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